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E.O. 12356: DECL: OADR

TAGS: PGOV, PINS, RP

SUBJ: SITREP 4: ATTEMPTED COUP IN MANILA, AS OF 1100
DECEMBER 1

1. CONFIDENTIAL - ENTIRE TEXT.

2. HELICOPTER GUNSHIPS UNDER REBEL CONTROL HAVE ATTACKED CAMP CRAME, HITTING THE MAIN BUILDING WHERE PC HEADQUARTERS IS LOCATED. THE BUILDING IS ON FIRE, BUT PC COMMANDER MONTANO WAS REPORTEDLY UNHURT AND IS CONDUCTING OPERATIONS FROM THE PC COMMAND CENTER ELSEWHERE ON THE BASE. GUNSHIPS HAVE REPORTEDLY ALSO STRUCK CAMP AQUINALDO AND TELEVISION STATIONS CHANNEL 9 AND CHANNEL 4. RADIO REPORTS THAT 30 PEOPLE WERE INJURED DURING THE ATTACK ON CHANNEL 4. ALL LOCAL TELEVISION IS OFF THE AIR.

3. THERE ARE REPORTS OF 300 PC OFFICERS EN ROUTE TO MANILA FROM PAMPANGA, BUT THEIR LOYALTIES ARE UNKNOWN. (PER SITREP 3, CAGAYAN GOVERNOR AQUINALDO IS SUPPORTING THE COUP AND CLAIMS THAT REBEL FORCES WERE MOVING TOWARD MANILA.)

4. REBELS ARE REPORTEDLY MANNING THE TOLLGATES ON THE SOUTH SUPER HIGHWAY. WE HAVE NO REPORTS OF MAJOR MOVEMENTS OF PRO-GOVERNMENT FORCES.

5. THE EMBASSY IS ATTEMPTING TO CONTACT LOCAL CONTACTS TO MAKE THEM AWARE OF PRESIDENT BUSH'S STATEMENT AND OF U.S. UNEQUIVOCAL SUPPORT FOR THE LAWFUL GOVERNMENT. POLITICAL OFFICERS ARE CALLING GOVERNORS, SENATORS AND REPRESENTATIVES WHO ARE IN TOWN; THE ECONOMIC SECTION IS CONTACTING IMPORTANT ELEMENTS OF THE BUSINESS COMMUNITY.

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6. LOCAL RADIO REPORTS THAT THE SOVIET UNION HAS ISSUED A
STRONG STATEMENT OF SUPPORT FOR THE AQUINO GOVERNMENT.

7. CEBU AIRPORT REMAINS OPEN.

8. WE CONTINUE TO HAVE NO REPORTS OF PROBLEMS INVOLVING
U.S. CITIZENS. PLATT

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SUBJECT: CEBU: SITUATION REPORT #3

1. CONFIDENTIAL - ENTIRE TEXT.

2. AT 1040 LOCAL, MAYOR TOMAS OSMENA HAS OFFICIALLY REQUESTED THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT SUPPLY HIM AMMUNITION AND/OR WHATEVER ASSISTANCE IS POSSIBLE. NOT ELABORATING (HE SPOKE ON THE TELEPHONE TO CONOFF WITH GREAT HESITANCY), HE SAID THERE WERE "MINOR MILITARY MOVEMENTS IN CEBU" AND THAT HE "NEEDED TO PROTECT HIMSELF AS HE HELD DOWN THE FORT." COMMENT: CONSULATE HAD A STAFF MEMBER DRIVE TO THE CAPITOL BUILDING (TOMMY IS USING THE GOVERNOR'S OFFICE AS A

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"COMMAND CENTER" AS LITO IS IN HONG KONG) TO OBSERVE ANY UNUSUAL ACTIVITY. STAFF MEMBER REPORTED NO, REPEAT NO TROOPS, IN SIGHT OTHER THAN THE NORMAL COMPLEMENT OF POLICE AND SECURITY GUARDS. OVERALL THE CITY CONTINUES TO BE CAUTIOUSLY CALM.

3. A FEW MINUTES EARLIER, SENATOR OSMENA CALLED CONOFF AND REPORTED APPROXIMATELY 50 MILITARY MEN DISEMBARKING FROM A PASSENGER LINER NEAR THE GENERAL MILLING COMPLEX IN LAPU LAPU CITY, MACTAN ISLAND. HE OPINED THAT THESE SOLDIERS WERE ENROUTE TO MACTAN AIRBASE. COMMENT: ANOTHER CONSULATE STAFF MEMBER WAS DESPATCHED TO THE GENERAL MILLING COMPLEX TO CONFIRM THE SENATOR'S REPORT. HE SAW ONLY CIVILIAN PASSENGERS DISEMBARKING A SWEET LINE VESSEL. HE NOTED ONLY THE NORMAL POSITIONING OF POLICE AND PORT AUTHORITY OFFICIALS AT THE PIER. THIS STAFF MEMBER IS RETURNING TO MACTAN AIRBASE.

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